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August 7, 2014

Chairman Tom Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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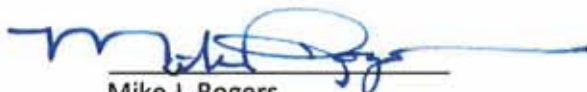
It is our understanding that the Federal Communications Commission will soon select the Administrator for the Local Number Portability Administration. We are writing to urge you to carefully consider the security implications of the Commission's selection.

The Local Number Portability database is generally used when a customer switches carriers, but elects to retain their phone number. The information in the database is frequently updated and pushed out to more than 2,000 carriers across our country. Additionally, a separate service is used by the FBI and other law enforcement agencies during the initiation of an authorized investigation to determine which carrier is associated with a specific telephone number.

We are concerned that the bidding and selection process will not adequately address the inherent national security issues involved in this database. We urge you to consult with federal agencies charged with protecting our national security, including the FBI, DHS, and DOD to determine how best to protect this infrastructure from both outsider and insider threats. We also recommend that you to incorporate security requirements into the RFP and award process for the contract.

This letter is not intended to promote or advocate for any particular vendor, and we have no position on which vendor the Commission ultimately selects. Rather, we seek to ensure security considerations are adequately prioritized in any decision-making involving critical infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Mike J. Rogers
Member of Congress



C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger
Member of Congress



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September 30, 2014

The Honorable Mike J. Rogers
U.S. House of Representatives
2112 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rogers:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your views regarding national security implications related to the Federal Communications Commission's selection of the local number portability administrator (LNPA). I appreciate your making me aware of your strong interest in this matter.

Security is at the forefront of the Commission's mission in overseeing our nation's communications infrastructure. The LNP system, as you note, is of vital importance to the national security and the country's communications networks, and we recognize the need to preserve the effective, reliable, and secure operation of the LNP system and protect it from rapidly evolving future cyber threats.

As you know, we are currently engaged in a process to select the LNPA. I can assure you that, throughout this process and thereafter, we will do whatever is necessary to ensure the LNP system meets highly rigorous standards for security and reliability for our Nation.

Again, thank you for contacting me regarding your interest in this matter. If I can be of further assistance, please have your staff contact Sara W. Morris, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, at 418-0095.

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